

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 26, 2005 (BOS Mtg. 6/7/05)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

SUBJECT: VDOT Revenue Sharing Projects

In February 2005, the Board requested approval for a total allocation of \$500,000 in Virginia Department of Transportation Revenue Sharing Program funds to be matched by \$500,000 in County funds earmarked for this purpose in the approved Capital Improvements Program budget. Also, earlier this year, the Board requested approval for an additional \$100,000 in Revenue Sharing Program supplemental funds to be matched by \$100,000 in County funds. Both allocations were requested for the Route 17 Utility Undergrounding project proposed to be undertaken in conjunction with the widening of Route 17 between Wolftrap Road and Route 134. In combination with previously authorized funding and the credits and cost associated with the widening project, this funding would provide for a total project budget of \$1.9 million and would allow the utilities to be placed underground between Wolftrap Road and a point approximately opposite the York Lanes bowling alley.

The County has since been notified that VDOT has suspended consideration of all the previously submitted Revenue Sharing Program requests and has established a revised schedule and review procedures to provide an allocation process for additional funding provided by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. Under these revised procedures, localities are eligible to request up to \$1 million in matching funds, rather than the previous \$500,000 limit. While the maximum funding amount has been increased, so too has the competition for funds since cities will now be eligible to apply. As a result, it is even more likely that the program will be oversubscribed and that the cumulative amount of all requests will exceed the available funding.

Under the new procedures, localities are required to document their requests in the form of a resolution adopted by the governing body (instead of a letter from the chairman, as was previously the case). These resolutions must be submitted to VDOT no later than July 22, 2005.

Based on the opportunity to apply for an additional \$500,000 in funding (and a total of \$1 million), staff proposes the following:

1. That the previous request for \$500,000 for Route 17 utility undergrounding be reiterated;
2. That an additional \$100,000 be requested for utility undergrounding; this amount, combined with the \$100,000 match by VDOT, would increase the total undergrounding budget to \$2.1 million and would allow the southern terminus to extend

to Ella Taylor Road. I propose that the \$100,000 in additional County funds be provided from an allocation from the anticipated year-end undesignated fund balance.

3. That an additional \$400,000 be requested for Drainage Improvement Projects. The \$400,000 in County funding can be pledged from already budgeted/programmed County funds that are to be used for the Moore's Creek and Brandywine Drainage projects. I propose that the additional state funds be allocated evenly between those two projects (\$200,000 to Moore's Creek; \$200,000 to Brandywine).

I recommend adoption of proposed Resolution R05-100 to officially state the County's request for FY 2005/06 Revenue Sharing Program funds.

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Attachment

- Proposed Resolution R05-100